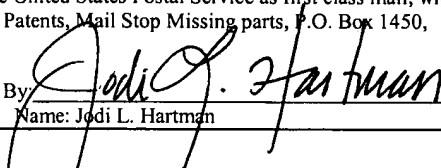


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 12, 2004, said period of response being extended from June 12, 2004 to October 12, 2004.

Please charge deposit account 13-2725 in the amount of \$765.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted

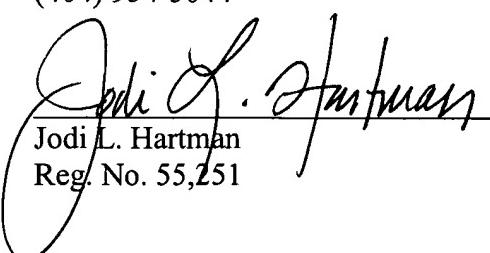


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